

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE NATION JOINS FOSTER CITY IN MOURNING THE LOSS OF AN- DREW DANG

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, a favorite son of Foster City, California is being mourned today after losing his life in Iraq. Andrew Dang, a bright and capable and enthusiastic young man, was a U.S. Marine who had served two weeks overseas when tragedy struck. Our hearts go out to his family and friends, former teachers and classmates, and all who remember him in sorrow today. I ask unanimous consent to enter into the RECORD an editorial from the San Mateo Daily Journal.

THE HORROR OF WAR COMES HOME

[From the San Mateo Daily Journal]

For many, the war in Iraq is dealt with in abstract terms. Car bombs and fire fights are on the same level as images in a historical text. Here in the Bay Area, the war in Iraq and the war on terror mean there is longer lines at the airport and more training for local police. We see it as a level on the color-coded Homeland Security Advisory System.

It is removed from our reality despite its presence in current events. Often, our only connection is a daily dispatch from across the world.

Even the names and faces of the casualties of war have yet to be solidified in our collective consciousness. So far, there have been 582 U.S. casualties since major conflict began just over a year ago. Sixty-five of those deaths have been Californians. The Peninsula has been spared—until now.

Today, a Foster City family, the student body of Aragon High School and the community at large mourns the loss of Andrew Dang, a 20-year-old lance corporal for the U.S. Marine Corps whose life was cut short in a gun battle during a patrol near Ar Ramady, Iraq.

The horror of war is now suddenly more real. Those that knew Dang describe the Foster City resident as someone with passion for science and technology who spent his free time building robots and rockets. He was one of the founding members of Aragon's renowned robotics team and by his senior year, Dang was taking multiple advanced placement classes in physics and chemistry.

Dang was a bright, enthusiastic and popular young man who sought out a career in the military to get technical experience. It was his way of getting a college degree and obtaining a career path.

In doing so, he also made a decision to defend the United States in its war on terror. His friends say he believed in the cause he was fighting for. He was proud of his job.

Whether you believe the war is justified or not, its local impact can now be felt on very real terms. Too often, war is politicized and processed into sound bites. But war—and its casualties—is more than politics and candidates.

Politics falls by the wayside when comprehending the loss of such a promising young life. Dang put his life on the line to protect what he believed in. In his heart he sought to

protect the United States from terror and he fought to give the Iraqi people a taste of freedom. And he paid the ultimate price for that belief.

Our thoughts are with his family, friends and the community that knew and loved him. Today, there is a hole in the heart of the Peninsula.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. TRACY DOHERTY, ESQ.

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Tracy Doherty, native of Scranton, in Lackawanna County, in my district, who is being named Woman of the Year by the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to her achievements as she is honored at a brunch this Saturday at Patsel's in Glenburn, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Doherty is a true patriot who loves our country. She has been involved in the Democratic Party for more than 20 years. She has spent countless hours volunteering for the Democratic Party in Scranton, in Lackawanna County, and throughout the entire Commonwealth.

Mrs. Doherty was particularly active in the successful elections of her brother-in-law Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty, Lackawanna County Commissioners Randy Castellani and Joe Corcoran, Clerk of Judicial Records Mary Rinaldi and many others.

Mrs. Doherty currently serves as second vice president of the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

A graduate of Scranton Preparatory High School, the young Tracy Diskin went on to attend the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned degrees in journalism and political science. She then went on to receive her law degree at Widener School of Law.

She married Tom Doherty nearly seven years ago. The couple have three beautiful children, 4-year-old Tommy, 2-year-old Lucy and 1-year-old Frances. The couple is now expecting their fourth child.

Mrs. Doherty worked in the Lackawanna County's public defenders' office for four years. Now a full-time mom, she finds time to maintain a fine balance between her family and her desire to volunteer.

Mrs. Doherty founded the Society of Irish Women six years ago. She is a member of the Board of Governors of her alma mater, Scranton Prep.

Mrs. Doherty also feels strongly about the fight against cancer and has been a long-time volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Doherty is the Auxiliary Membership Chair of St. Joseph's Center. She volunteers her time to work with handicapped children at the facility.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege to represent a woman who has taken such a leadership role in the community. I ask you to please join me in congratulating Mrs. Doherty for her volunteer work, service and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. LARRY GIBSON OF MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sgt. Larry Gibson, who is leaving the Madison Heights Police Department after 25 years of dedicated service.

During Sgt. Gibson's service, he devoted a good portion of his time to the young people in the community. Specifically, he created the Madison Heights, "Say No To Drugs" rally, and he started the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. programs in the city's schools designed to help our students resist drugs and reduce violence.

He was a specialized training instructor in a myriad of areas ranging from accident investigation to gang resistance education.

Sgt. Gibson is the recipient of many well-deserved awards and commendations, beginning in 1984 until the present. The people of Madison Heights, and especially the young people, have been well-served by his commitment to making their city a safer and better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing good health, happiness and success to a dedicated police officer, Sgt. Larry Gibson.

TRIBUTE TO JACKSON T. STEPHENS

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan, an outstanding citizen, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and an accomplished businessman; I am proud to recognize Jackson T. Stephens in the Congress.

Mr. Stephens, known as Jack to his many friends, created one of the most successful corporate finance practices in the country based on the principles his father passed down to him. At a young age, Mr. Stephens learned in order to do well, "we must share opportunities for making money with other people." And as his firm grew, so did the hopes, dreams and nest-eggs of many Americans. Today, Stephens Inc. has become one of the Nation's largest investment banking firms.

While many investors focus strictly on making money for their clients, Mr. Stephens focused on earning their trust—and repaying

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